

Germantown Hills Fire Protection District
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March 6, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Germantown Hills Fire Protection District Board:

Present:

Brian Christensen, Secretary
Gary Hull

Officers also present:

Chip Wilmot, Fire Chief
Ed Madden, Asst. Chief
Chad Dawson, Asst. Chief
Ryan Williamson, Division Chief/Administrator

Absent:

Randy Nash, President
Bruce Mathes, Treasurer

Absent:

Lonnie Beckwith, Asst. Chief

1. Call to Order and Roll Call- Secretary Brian Christensen called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Brian Christensen stated the Woodford County Board had appointed Gary Hull to the board effective February 20, 2018 to replace Bruce Mathes who had resigned from the position.

2. Approval of Minutes-The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.

- 1) **Regular Meeting of February 6, 2018-**A motion was made by Gary Hull to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 6, 2018. The motion was seconded by Brian Christensen. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #1.**

3. Officers Report

Chip Wilmot gave the run report and equipment repair report. The March training will include a tour of the new library as well as hose and appliances. A small equipment grant request was made through the office of the Illinois State Fire Marshall.

Chad Dawson reported the EMS training is on BLS meds.

4. Report from all Committees-None

5. Old Business

- 1) **Discussion and possible action regarding the addition of a storm shelter to the fire department property.**

Ed Madden had put together some estimated costs for the construction of a storm shelter.

Brian Christensen thanked Ed for putting the information together. Ed Madden stated he was going to check on another option. Brian recommended holding off for now to see if there are other options and see if the Village is going to do something at some point. Ann Sasso noted the Village is looking into grant opportunities for a storm shelter.

- 2) **Discussion and possible action regarding review of Germantown Fire Protection District salary ranges to determine if any changes are needed to keep the rates competitive.**

Chip Wilmot had noted Lonnie Beckwith was looking at the salary ranges but he hadn't had a chance to talk with Lonnie. The board agreed to discuss the salary ranges once there's a recommendation and employee reviews are completed. They would like to have this in place for start fiscal year.

- 3) **Discussion and possible action regarding purchase of a new ambulance to replace Medic 1 due its deteriorating condition and high mileage.**

The board authorized the publishing of bids so they can be opened at the next meeting for a new ambulance.

6. New Business

- 1) **Discussion and possible action regarding the practices and policies for public usage of the GFPD fire house meeting room.**

Ryan Williamson and Randy Nash reviewed the old policy on using the meeting room space and made some changes. The board discussed and made some additional changes to the policy.

A motion was made by Brian Christensen to approve the practices and policies for public usage of the GFPD fire house meeting room as amended. The motion was seconded by Gary Hull. **Motion passed #2.**

- 2) **Discussion only regarding development of the budget for the next Budget and Appropriations Ordinance**

Brian Christensen will meet with Bruce Mathes to look at the budget and appropriations.

- 3) **Discussion and possible action for reorganization of the GFPD Board of Trustees following the resignation of Bruce Mathes effective 4/30/18.**

Appointment of Gary Hull to a new 3-year term replacing Bruce Mathes effective 5/1/18

The Woodford County board made Gary Hull's appointment effective February 20, 2018. At the next meeting as a part of the reorganization of the board Gary will be appointed as Secretary, Brian Christensen will be the Treasurer, and Randy Nash will be the President.

7. Human Resources

1) Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of new position:

**Mark Haas-Volunteer Firefighter
Nolan Pray-Volunteer Firefighter**

A motion was made by Brian Christensen to approve Mark Haas to the position of Volunteer Firefighter. The motion was seconded by Gary Hull. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #3.**

A motion was made by Brian Christensen to approve Nolan Pray to the position of Volunteer Firefighter. The motion was seconded by Gary Hull. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #4.**

8. Treasurer Report

1) Discussion and possible action regarding authorization of bills presented for payment

A motion was made by Brian Christensen to approve the payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Gary Hull. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #5.**

9. Secretary Report-Brian Christensen reported the December minutes have been posted on the website and the January minutes will be soon.

10. Correspondence-None

11. Review of Annual Schedule of Activities-The annual schedule of activities was reviewed.

12. Public Comments-None

13. Meeting Schedule-The next meeting is on April 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

14. Adjournment-A motion was made by Brian Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. The motion was seconded by Gary Hull. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #6.**

Ann Sasso, Administrative Clerk